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Recommendation to increase the other resources ceiling for approved country programmes

Summary

The present report contains recommendations to increase the other resources ceiling for country programmes previously approved by the Executive Board, because the contributions to other resources for the country programmes have exceeded the planning levels originally approved by the Board.

The Executive Director *recommends* that the Executive Board approve a total of $30,200,000 in other resources for the approved country programmes for Cambodia, the Dominican Republic and Sri Lanka for the remaining periods of the approved country programmes, subject to the availability of specific-purpose contributions.

Dominican Republic

1. The country programme for the Dominican Republic for the period 2002-2006 (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.24/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the first regular session of 2001 (decision 2001/14, E/ICEF/2001/6) with an other resources ceiling of $5,000,000. The goal of the country programme is to promote the rights of children and adolescents in the Dominican Republic through the development of national capacities to formulate and apply equitable and sustainable policies, while at the same time creating an enabling environment for the participation and empowerment of families, communities and organized groups at the local level in the exercise of and demand for these rights. The objectives are to: (a) support the achievement of the unmet goals of the World Summit for Children; (b) contribute to structural reform of the National Protection System for Children and Adolescents;

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(c) support new and existing social mobilization mechanisms for the demand of rights; (d) support increased availability, reliability and use of essential data on children and adolescents for planning, programming and monitoring; and (e) contribute to inter-agency emergency preparedness efforts.

2. To date, the country programme has received just under $9,900,000 in other resources, of which $6,382,600 has been contributed by the Government of Japan for the introduction of the new pentavalent vaccine (combining diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B and *haemophilus influenzae* vaccines). Other actions being supported include the prevention of sexual and commercial exploitation of children; the "child-friendly" municipalities initiative; the participation of civil society, young people and adolescents; prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV; HIV prevention among adolescents; legislative reform; and an initiative on the right to have a name and nationality.

3. It is anticipated that an additional $3,500,000 in other resources will be received in 2004-2006 for allocation to HIV/AIDS interventions; micronutrients; early childhood education and development; prevention of sexual and commercial exploitation of children and adolescents; strengthening and expanding the "child-friendly" municipalities initiative; rights-based planning and policy analysis; and cross-sectoral costs.

4. Therefore, the Executive Director *recommends* that the Executive Board approve an increase of $8,400,000 in the other resources ceiling for the approved country programme for the Dominican Republic for 2002-2006, for a total other resources ceiling of $13,400,000 for the period of the country programme.

Cambodia

5. The country programme for Cambodia for the period 2001-2005 (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.9/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2000 (decision 2000/12, E/ICEF/2000/8/Rev.1) with an other resources ceiling of $52,200,000. The programme aims to protect, promote and fulfil the rights of Cambodian children by pursuing a set of interrelated goals addressing critical stages of the life cycle of the child, namely: (a) mothers have safe pregnancies and deliveries and healthy newborns; (b) infants are given the best possible start in life to survive, grow and fully develop in a safe, nurturing and caring environment; (c) school-age children are protected and exert their right to education in a friendly and stimulating learning environment; and (d) young people and adolescents acquire life skills, express their views and lead meaningful and secure lives.

6. The relevance and importance of these goals were reconfirmed by the mid-term review, held in October 2003, which noted numerous positive developments in the lives of children and women in Cambodia during the first half of the current programme cycle. These included the substantial reduction in child deaths due to measles; improved access to primary education with a narrowing gender gap; increased awareness and action on such major child protection issues as trafficking and sexual exploitation of children; and prevention of HIV/AIDS. At the same time, it reiterated the need to accelerate progress in a number of areas, such as reducing the persistently high infant, child and maternal mortality rates and malnutrition rates; progress towards the achievement of universal salt iodization; reduction of drop-out rates in primary education and improvement in the quality of education;

strengthening the law enforcement and legal protection of children; and addressing the growing needs of care for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

7. To date, the country programme has received approximately $54,770,000 in other resources. These funds have been utilized and/or allocated for six programmes that constitute the country programme, i.e., *Seth Koma* (community action for child rights); health and nutrition; expanded basic education; children in need of special protection; HIV/AIDS prevention and care; and advocacy and social mobilization. It is anticipated that $9,230,000 in other resources will be required for the last two years of the country programme cycle, 2004 and 2005. These additional funds are needed primarily to accelerate the progress in the above-mentioned programme areas.

8. Therefore, the Executive Director *recommends* that the Executive Board approve an increase of $11,800,000 in the other resources ceiling for the approved country programme for Cambodia for 2001-2005, for a total other resources ceiling of $64,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Sri Lanka

9. The country programme for Sri Lanka for the period 2002-2006 (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.40/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2001 (decision 2001/13, E/ICEF/2001/6) with an other resources ceiling of $10,000,000.The goal of the country programme is to support the progressive realization of children's and women's rights through a caring and enabling social and physical environment. The objectives are to promote: (a) the protection of the rights of children and women affected by armed conflict and other especially vulnerable situations; (b) improved growth and development in early childhood; (c) increased rates of school attendance and learning achievement in middle childhood; (d) improved skills, coping capacities and participation of adolescents; and (e) an environment of "child-friendly" policies and attitudes at all levels.

10. To date, the country programme has received $9,969,880 in other resources. These funds have been used for early childhood care, immunization, response to a flood emergency, child protection, the "child-friendly" schools initiative, area-based programmes, emergency obstetric care and programme support.

11. It is anticipated that an estimated additional $9,000,000 in other resources will be received in 2004-2006 for allocation to programmes for children affected by armed conflict; early childhood learning; adolescence; protection of children and women; rights-based planning, policy analysis, advocacy, communication, and monitoring and evaluation; and cross-sectoral costs. These funds will support efforts to realize children's and women's rights, particularly in reducing disparities caused by conflict.

12. Therefore, the Executive Director *recommends* that the Executive Board approve an increase of $10,000,000 in the other resources ceiling for the approved country programme for Sri Lanka for 2002-2006, for a total other resources ceiling of $20,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Recommended additional other resources

(In thousands of United States dollars)

Country programme	*Programme cycle*	*Approved OR ceiling*	*Additional OR to be approved*	*Total OR ceiling*
Dominican Republic	2002-2006	5 000	8 400	13 400
Cambodia	2001-2005	52 200	11 800	64 000
Sri Lanka	2002-2006	10 000	10 000	20 000
Total		**67 200**	**30 200**	**97 400**